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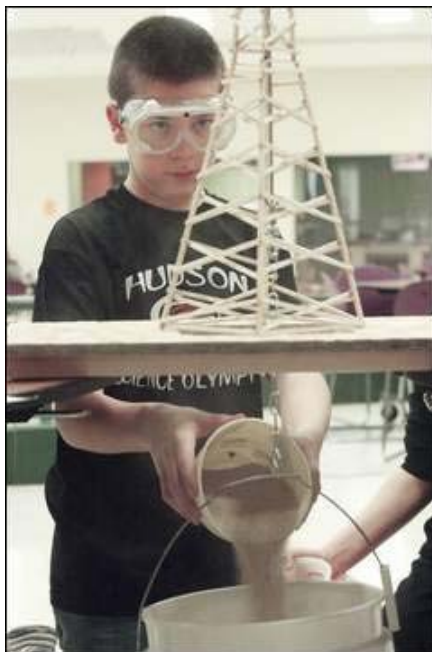
TAKING AN UP-CLOSE LOOK AT SCIENCE

Why are Prapti Shah, top left, and Kim Lakocy from Birmingham Covington School wearing goggles as they check the model tower they made?



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Because later in the project something could fly around, like the sand that Nicholas Swander, right, from Hudson, is pouring to check the stress on his version of a tower.

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At left, Miss Lakocy, foreground, joins fellow students Jessica Frick of Tecumseh, center, and Lauren Morton of Adrian in assembling another project. The students were among those competing at the Hillsdale-Lenawee-Monroe Mathematics and Science Center's 2008 Tri-County Middle/High School Science Olympiad at Tecumseh High School.



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